

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3185 - SB 3287

March 4, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes, in all cases that have been finally disposed for more than 10 years, the clerk of any court to petition a court for an order authorizing the expunction of any records that the individuals charged would be entitled to have expunged upon petition to the court.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – This bill will result in a decrease in local expenditures. However, an accurate estimate of savings is not possible because it is unknown how many files will be expunged, and the amount of storage space that will no longer be needed.

Assumptions:

- According to the Clerks of Court Conference, for those offices opting to implement the bill, there will be a decrease in costs associated with file storage.
- According to the Clerks, storage costs consist of shelving, facilities maintenance, fuel for offsite archiving, security, staff resources, and boxes.
- Due to multiple unknown factors, such as the number of clerks offices implementing the bill, the number of files expunged, and the size of each file, an accurate estimate for the decrease in local expenditures is not possible.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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